

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Sept 12th, 2016

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Amy Parker, Kathleen Lock, and Bill Krause. Member absent was Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the Sept 12th, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Amy Parker to approve the Sept 12th, 2016 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

4. Approval of the Aug 8th, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Aug 8th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried 4-0.**

5. Reading of Correspondence

*Mayor read a variance request from Mr. and Mrs. Forchetti
He also noted the receipt of the DNREC memorandum of understanding Re
resiliency grant signed copy was received.*

6. Mayoral or council Updates

*Kathy Lock noted the rabid racoon that was killed this past Sunday at about the 500
block of Bay Ave*

Mayor noted that we received notice of a FEMA/DEMA funds applied for in reimbursement of Jonas costs. We are to receive Approx. \$10,000.00 of the \$15,000 applied for, Thanks to Bob Wood's efforts with an assist from Kathy Lock and Bill McSpadden.

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the Aug 2016 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell

Motion: *Amy Parker made a motion to approve the Aug 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bill Krause seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator. Mayor Ward *presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel will be taking Flood Administrator Course in anticipation of getting certified.*

C. Tax Collector Report

Angela Tibbett was presented her report which indicated all was good at present.

D. Town Street Committee report

Jimmy Dalton noted the vandalism to the pavilion barriers

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓

USDA Grant 1

- ✓ Grant has been awarded
- ✓
- ✓ **USDA Grant 2**
- ✓ *Next Meeting has been rescheduled for 9/21^h.*

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant**

No new news.

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

Community Outreach Meeting will be scheduled for Oct. 8 from 10-12.

There was discussion of the planned presentation and the Univ of DE plans to place flood level meters throughout the town

Discussion of the need for the town to supply funds for the lunch at the 10/08 meeting. it was voted on not to exceed \$2,000.00 Vote was 3-0 with Council Person Parker abstaining.

b) Phragmites

Mayor and Treasurer relayed the plan to spray contiguous area in the Beach Plum and along Bay Ave on the Marsh side.

C) Update on the Beach Replenishment Committee Meeting on Sept 3rd.

Vice Mayor discussed the Sept 3rd meeting with a general note that they are looking at the financial aspects with the possibility of a town co-share as well as the political approaches on the State, County and Federal Levels.

D) Update on nuisance code violation

377 Bay Ave has cleared up to an acceptable level per Mayor

E) Update on the 500-600 Block of Bay Ave fill discussion with DNREC and the Army Corps of Engineers

Site meeting postponed until Oct. 6th

F) Discussion of drinking fountain potential outside shower location at Pavilion.

This has been tabled per Vice Mayor due to several complications

8. New Business:

1. Forchetti variance request.

General Discussion occurred where application, cost and process were discussed.

2. Trash Grant

General discussion of the process, where the grant is actually a DSWA credit. We are checking with Republic to see if grant can be applied to annual or monthly cost.

3. Public Safety Grant.

Treasurer presented a proposed schedule of patrols for the year which was voted on and passed 4-0

4. Coastal Cleanup Support

Mayor expressed support for the coastal cleanup to be held on 9/17 and asked for community support, thanked Bill McSpadden for his efforts.

5 Banking relationship change.

There was general discussion of the situation with our existing bank (PNC) with regards to collateralization Treasurer noted that she queried 6 new and PNC in our area and deemed WSFS had the best proposal and cost for the town.

A vote was held to move our banking relationship to WSFS and passed 4-0

9 Open Discussion

Jane Bardon brought up the significant tax increase due to the school cost.

10 Upcoming Events

- 1 – Flu shots at the fire hall – Sept 6th @ 6:30 PM.
- 2 – Coastal cleanup Sat Sept 17th at the pavilion 9:30 AM
- 2 – Town Council Meeting Oct 10 @ 7:00 PM.

13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Lock @ 8:46 PM and seconded by Amy Parker Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary